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Skagit County Board of Commissioners  
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Gentlemen:

This letter describes our understanding of results from the meeting between yourselves and Messrs. Cook and Towle on 19 November 1979, regarding the Skagit River, Washington, flood damage reduction project.

You indicated that the voters rejected Proposition 2 on flood control because they were reluctant to approve a raise in taxes, were dissatisfied with the proposed plan, or a combination of both.

You indicated that there continues to be a need for flood control, and you asked questions regarding possible flood control projects of lesser cost and magnitude. Mr. Cook explained that we were unable to identify a project of significantly lesser scope because of our existing technical, economic, and environmental guidelines.

Project authorization and project appropriations were discussed. Mr. Cook explained how authorization for extending project planning may come about through an omnibus bill, how authorization for a specific project may come about through a report being submitted to Congress, and the difference and significance of an appropriations bill. We understand you plan to consider requesting your congressional delegation to continue their efforts in passage of the legislation presently included in the draft omnibus bill.

You said there is no basis to resubmit the proposition to the voters, and without voter approval you lacked the ability to assure items of local cooperation for the recommended plan.

Accordingly, we are deferring any further work on the recommended plan. We understand you plan to continue to pursue nonstructural flood damage reduction measures and will be meeting with individual

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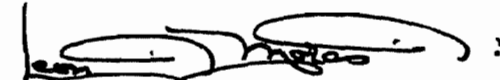
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and local groups to determine a definitive plan of action. We indorse these efforts because there continues to be a serious flood threat to people living in the lower Skagit area.

We are available to assist in providing general technical information and data from the recent studies, and we will appreciate receiving a letter from you with any comments you have on this subject.

Sincerely,



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Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
District Engineer